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SUMMARY: DISCUSSION OF 1501 REVEALED RELUCTANCE ON THE PART OF THE BRITISH AND FRENCH (AS WELL AS THE US) TO PERMIT MORE THAN MODEST EXPANSION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE STRUCTURE FOR RADARS. ITALIAN, AND TO A LESSER DEGREE CANADIAN, INITIATIVES TOWARD MAJOR RELAXATIONS DREW SUBSTANTIAL OPPOSITION. ACTION REQUESTED: US PREPARATIONS FOR ROUND TWO SHOULD INCLUDE EFFORT TO RESPOND TO THE RESPONSIBLE POSITIONS ADOPTED BY UK AND FRENCH. END SUMMARY.

1. ON UK PROPOSED NON-SUBSTANTIVE HEADING CHANGE, ALL DELEGATIONS (US AD REF) ACCEPTED BRITISH DESIRE TO CLARIFY THAT THE ONLY COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT COVERED BY 1501 IS AIRBORNE COMMUNICATIONS.

2. ALL DELS, EXCEPT US, WHO RESERVED, ENDORSED AS "REASONABLE" THE UK PROPOSAL TO TRANSFER THE AN ON (A) TO THE BODY OF THAT SUB-ITEM. UK CITED EVIDENCE THAT IN THE LAST THREE YEARS THE QUALITATIVE GAP BETWEEN
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COMMUNIST MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND THEIR LAGGING CIVIL

EQUIPMENT HAD WIDENED SIGNIFICANTLY AND THEREFORE THE RISKS OF THEIR MILITARY SIDE BENEFITTING FROM /WESTERN CIVIL IMPORTS HAD LESSENED MARKEDLY. UK NOTED THAT THE SAME BLOC MILITARY PROGRESS HAD NOT EXTENDED TO SSB AND QFM EQUIPMENT AND THEREFORE CONTINUED TREATMENT UNDER THE GENERAL EXCEPTIONS RULES WOULD BE PRUDENT.

3. BRITISH, FRENCH AND US RESERVES BLOCKED THE CANADIAN PROPOSALS TO DELETE (B)(I),(I) AND (II) EQUIPMENT. THE UK AND FRANCE INVITED CANADA TO PRODUCE A MORE MODEST PROPOSAL SUCH AS SLIGHT EXPANSION OF THE AN ZONE, AND THEY JOINED US IN EXPRESSING SATISFACTION WITH THE PRESENT NOTE. CANADA INDICATED THAT IT WOULD STUDY THE POSSIBILITIES FOR A NOTE RE OMEGA TYPE EQUIPMENT FOR ROUND TWO.

4. WHEN FRENCH PROPOSAL TO REDUCE TIME PERIOD IN (B)(I) (III) FROM TWO TO ONE YEAR, ALL DELS APPROVED (US AD REF) THAT NON-SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE. ALL OTHER DELS SIMILARLY APPROVED THE FRENCH PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE WORDING OF THE SOU. US DEL RESERVED.

5. ALL DELS (THE US AD REF) APPROVED THE JAPANESE PROPOSAL TO RAISE (B)(3) AND NOTE (B) TO 30 MHZ IN RECOGNITION OF ITS IMPORTANCE TO MARITIME AND SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS. ADDITIONALLY ALL DELS (THE US AD REF) ACCEPTED THE CANADA/(UK PROPOSALS TO DELETE THE WORDS "EXCLUDING ELECTRONICALLY COMMUTATED TYPES" FROM (B)(3) NOTE (C).

6. ITALIAN PROPOSAL TO DELETE (C)(2) DREW RESERVES FROM ALL DELS WHO FELT THAT RETENTION IS STRATEGICALLY JUSTIFIED.

7. JAPANESE ADJUSTMENT OF NOTE 2 RE (C)(2)(VII) AMENDED BY BRITISH WAS ACCEPTED BY ALL DELS, WITH THE US IN AN AD REF POSITION. WORDING IS NOW: "MARINE RADAR EQUIPMENT EMBARGOED ONLY BY SUB-ITEM (C)(2)(VI), AND METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATION RADAR EQUIPMENT EMBARGOED ONLY BY SUB-ITEM (C)(2)(VI) AND/OR (VII)." WORDING OF (C)(2)
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(VII) ITSELF IS NOW: "FOR GROUND RADAR EQUIPMENT BEING IN USE FOR A PERIOD OF LESS THAN ONE YEAR."

8. BECAUSE ITALIAN PROPOSED DELETION OF THE NOTES TO (C) WOULD HAVE FOLLOWED AUTOMATICALLY FROM DELETION OF (C)(2), IT WAS NOT DISCUSSED.

9. EARLIER, UKDEL HAD PROPOSED THAT UK, ITALIAN, AND

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CANADIAN PROPOSALS ON (C)(2)(I), (II), AND (III) BE CONSIDERED BY TWG IN ATTEMPT TO ACHIEVE COHERENT TEXT WHICH COULD BE CONSIDERED BY GOVERNMENTS. HE CAUTIONED THAT HIS INSTRUCTIONS REQUIRED RESERVES ON ITALIAN (WHICH UK THOUGHT WENT TOO FAR, SEE ABOVE) AND CANADIAN PROPOSALS AS THEY STOOD. ALL OTHER DELS AGREED, ITALIAN ONLY AFTER OTHER DELS HAD RESERVED ON HIS DELETION PROPOSALS. TWG CONVENED AFTER FULL COMMITTEE HAD COMPLETED BALANCE OF SCHEDULED BUSINESS, ALSO WITH MANDATE TO CONSIDER SHIFT TO BLAKE METHOD OF CALCULATING PROBABILITY OF DETECTION.

10. EXPERTS PARTICIPATED UNDER GENERAL RESERVES BY THEIR DELEGATIONS. TWG AGREED TO RECOMMEND FOLLOWING WORDING FOR (C)(2)(II): "....GREATER THAN 1 MW; OPERATING AT A FREQUENCY OVER THE RANGE OF 3.5 TO 6.0 GHZ AND HAVING A PEAK OUTPUT POWER FROM THE TRANSMITTER GREATER THAN 500 KW; OR OPERATING AT A FREQUENCY OVER THE RANGE OF 6.0 TO 10.5 GHZ AND HAVING A PEAK POWER FROM THE TRANSMITTER GREATER THAN 250 KW.

11. TWG ALSO RECOMMENDED CHANGE IN NOTE 2(B)(I) AND (II) TO PERMIT LICENSING OF RADARS OPERATING AT FREQUENCIES RANGING FROM 0 TO 1.5 GHZ AT PEAK POWER OUTPUTS NOT

EXCEEDING 5.0 MEGAWATTS.

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12. CANADIAN DEL AT TWG WITHDREW FIRST OF THE TWO PROPOSALS FOR (C)(2)(III) AND ASKED COMMITTEE TO CONTINUE CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATE.

13. ALL EXPERTS (EXCEPT US) AGREED WITH UK AND CANADIAN SUGGESTION FOR USE OF BLAKE CALCULATION METHOD. UK AGREED TO RECOMMEND FURTHER STUDY OF SUGGESTION BY WASHINGTON.

14. ACTION REQUESTED: (A) AUTHORITY TO CONFIRM AD REF AGREEMENTS LISTED ABOVE; (B) CONSIDERATION OF TWG RECOMMENDATIONS. INASMUCH AS INDUSTRY, US MILITARY, AND OTHER PC'S REGARD BLAKE METHOD AS SUPERIOR IN PRECISION TO THE HALL METHOD, SERIOUS CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO MAKING THE SWITCH AT THIS TIME.
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